

REMARKS

The present response to the restriction requirement is intended to replace the response filed on October 8, 2008. The election made in the response of October 8, 2008 was mistakenly made, and is hereby rescinded. Below, a new election is made. The new election contained herein is directed to the set of claims the Applicant wishes to elect for prosecution on the merits.

In the Office action, the Examiner has determined that claims directed toward two separately patentable inventions are presented in the present application, and has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The inventions identified by the Examiner are:

- Group I. Claims 1, 5, 6, and 8, drawn to a method of manufacturing a fuel cell separator.
- Group II. Claims 3, 4, and 7, drawn to a method of bonding a fuel cell separator.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1, 5, 6, and 8, for prosecution on the merits. Claims 3, 4, and 7 are therefore withdrawn. Once again, the present election of Group I, claims 1, 5, 6, and 8, is the election the Applicant wishes to make. The prior election made in the response of October 8, 2008 (in which Group II, claims 3, 4, and 7, were elected) is rescinded.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. SHM-15810.

Respectfully submitted,

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